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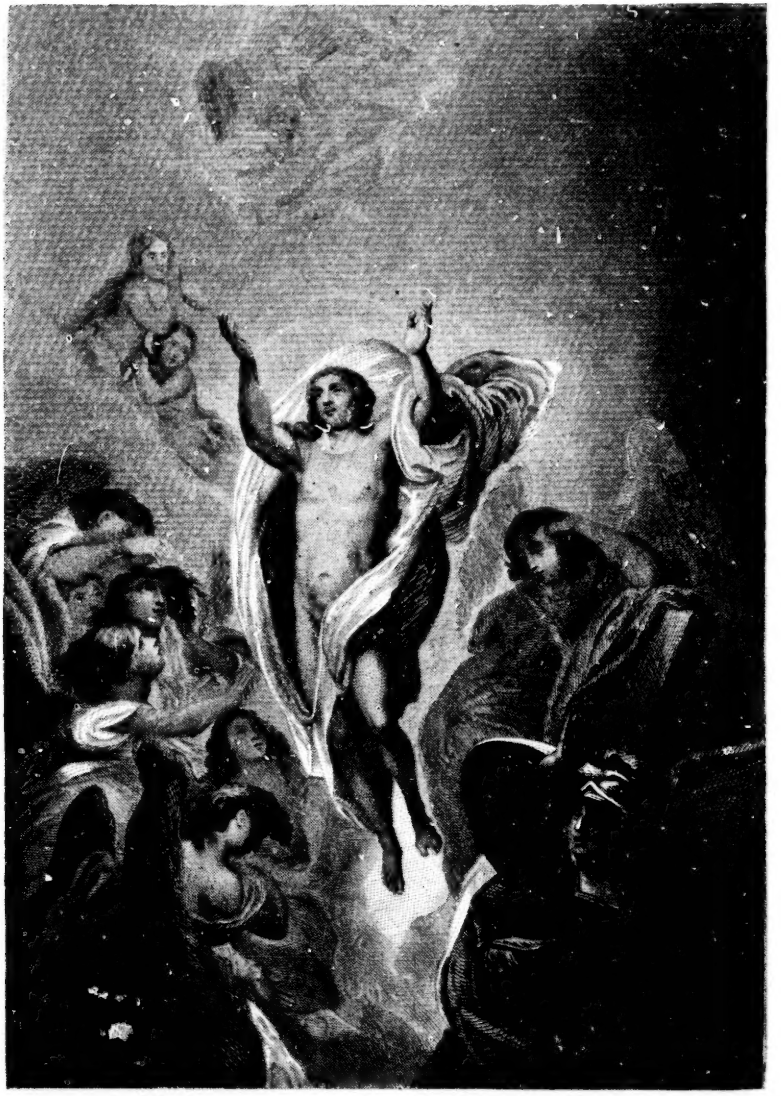

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INTRODUCTION

After preparing this book for the press, the compiler's attention was drawn to one of a somewhat similar nature, with an introduction by the Archbishop of York, from which the following beautiful words are taken, and are inserted here with the kind permission of his Grace :

"We are too unmindful of the blessed dead. We live too little in their fellowship. We forget that they are still members of the one body, although hidden from us by the veil of death: brothers and sisters in the family of God ; although they have passed into the inner chamber of our Father's home. They are not dead. They are more truly living than ourselves: for they have laid aside all that is mortal, and they are now all life. They walk before the Lord in the 'true land of the living.'

"Their departure from us is only another and a higher regeneration. The day of their death is a

day of birth; and this is truly a birthday book. It is good for us to find occasion, in the anniversaries of their departure, to turn our thoughts to the calm sweet rest which now they share. It helps to lift us above the din and turmoil of the world, and to fill our hearts with heavenly peace.

"As we think of those who have been taken from us, the eye of faith looks, through the tears, within the veil; and the chastened memory of sorrow becomes a spiritual joy."

PREFACE

THE chief object of this little book is to keep alive, more especially in the family circle, the memory and the influence of the blessed departed: to associate these memories with thankfulness and hope, and in some measure to bury our sorrow in their joy.

Each month is introduced with Scripture reminders, as helps to a holy life.

The blank pages are for the registration of the names of loved ones opposite the date of their death, and words of comfort from Holy Scripture.

O child of sorrow, be it thine to know
That Scripture only is the cure of woe!
That field of promise, how it flings abroad
Its perfume o'er the Christian's thorny road!
The soul, reposing on assur'd belief,
Feels herself happy amidst all her grief,
Forgets her labour as she toils along,
Weeps tears of joy and bursts into a song.

—COWPER.

January.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

—*Eccles. xii. 1, 6, 7.*

In vain our fancy strives to paint,
  The moment after death,
The glories that surround the saints
  When yielding up their breath.

Faith strives, but all its efforts fail
  To trace them in their flight:
No eye can pierce within the veil
  Which hides the world of light.

Thus much, and this is all we know,
  They are completely blest,
Have done with sin, and care and woe,
  And with their Saviour rest.

While they have gained, we losers are:
  We miss them day by day:
But Thou canst ev'ry breach repair,
  And wipe our tears away.

We pray, as in Elisha's case,
  When great Elijah went,
May double portions of Thy grace
  To us who stay be sent!

—ANON.

1

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify to himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. —*Titus ii. 13, 14.*

2

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

—*Rev. xxii. 14.*

3

In thy presence is fulness of joy: at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

—*Psalm xvi. 11.*

January.

4

Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips.

—*Psalm xxi. 2.*

5

I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant.

—*Ezek. xxxvii. 26.*

6

The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely.

—*Rev. xxii. 17.*

January.

7

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

—*Titus iii. 5.*

8

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

—*Psalm xxxiv. 19.*

9

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

—*Rev. vii. 16.*

January.

10

Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

—*2 Cor. iv. 17.*

11

Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him out of thy law.

—*Psalm xciv. 12.*

12

To declare . . . his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

—*Rom. iii. 26.*

January.

13

The Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

—*Rev. vii. 17.*

14

The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

—*Psalm xxxiv. 22.*

15

I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

—*St. John x. 28.*

January.

16

To him that overcometh I will grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

—*Rev. iii. 21.*

17

As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

—*Psalm xviii. 30.*

18

In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

—*Rom. viii. 37.*

19

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

—*Psalm cxxvi. 6.*

20

Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

—*Rom. iv. 7.*

21

Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil: whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus.

—*Heb. vi. 19, 20.*

January.

22

He that overcometh shall inherit all things: and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

—*Rev. xxi. 7.*

23

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

—*St. Matt. v. 6.*

24

They shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

—*Rev. xxii. 4.*

January.

25

He said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

—*Rev. vii. 14.*

26

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

—*St. Matt. v. 3.*

27

With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace.

—*Psalm xlv. 15.*

January.

28

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

—*St. Matt. xiii. 43.*

29

The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God, and there shall no torment touch them.

—*Wisdom iii. 1 (Apocrypha).*

30

My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

—*Psalm lxxiii. 26.*

January.

31

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. . . . I will come again, and receive you unto myself.

—*St. John xiv. 2, 3.*

"A little while!"—our Lord shall come
And we shall wander here no more;
He'll take us to our Father's home,
Where He for us has gone before.

"A little while!"—He will come again,
Let us the precious hours redeem;
Our only grief to give Him pain,
Our joy to serve and follow Him.

—J. G. D.

January.

February.

Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

—*St. Luke xii. 40.*

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

—*Psalm xc. 12.*

Oft as the bell, with solemn toll,
Speaks the departure of a soul,
Let each one ask himself, "Am I
Prepared, should I be called to die?"

Only this frail and fleeting breath
Preserves me from the jaws of death:
Soon as it fails, at once I'm gone,
And plunged into a world unknown.

Then, leaving all I've lov'd below,
To God's tribunal I must go:
Must hear the Judge pronounce my fate,
And fix my everlasting state.

Lord Jesus, help me now to flee,
And fix my hope alone on Thee:
Apply Thy blood, Thy Spirit give,
Subdue my sin and let me live.

—ANON.

1

When the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.

—*St. Luke vii. 13.*

2

God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ.

—*Eph. ii. 4, 5.*

3

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity: and in whose spirit there is no guile.

—*Psalm xxxii. 2.*

February.

4

Wisdom is the gray hair unto men, and an unspotted life is old age.

—*Wisdom vi. 9 (Apocrypha).*

5

When Christ who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

—*Col. iii. 4.*

6

Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

—*Phil. iii. 21.*

February.

7

I would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

—*1 Thess. iv. 13.*

8

We are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

—*Rom. viii. 24, 25.*

9

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.

—*Jer. xvii. 7.*

February.

10

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. —*Rev. iii. 5.*

11

As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

—*Psalm xvii. 15.*

12

Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

—*Rom. viii. 33.*

February.

13

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.

—*Col. i. 13.*

14

The eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy. To deliver their soul from death.

—*Psalm xxxiii. 18.*

15

The blessing of the Lord it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

—*Prov. x. 22.*

February.

16

He doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.

—*Lam. iii. 33.*

17

Being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

—*Rom. iv. 21.*

18

I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

The Lord God is my strength.

—*Hab. iii. 18, 19.*

February.

19

I have seen his ways and will heal him . . . and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.

—*Isa. lvii. 18.*

20

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

—*St. John vi. 37.*

21

Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

—*Psalm cvii. 30.*

February.

22

Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

—*St. Matt. xxv. 40.*

23

I love thy commandment above gold: . . . Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right.

—*Psalm cxix. 127, 128.*

24

He shall swallow up death in victory: and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces.

—*Isa. xxv. 8.*

February.

25

I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

—*Isa. xli. 13.*

26

They shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid.

—*Ezek. xxxiv. 28.*

27

This is the will of him that sent me, that every one that seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

—*St. John vi. 40.*

February.

28

Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

—*1 Cor. xv. 57.*

29

I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

—*St. John x. 11.*

"Faith is not what we feel or see;
It is a simple trust
In what the God of love has said
Of Jesus, as 'the Just.'"

ANON.

Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

—*St. Mark ix. 24.*

February.

March.

They were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, . . . what shall we do?

Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

—*Acts ii. 37, 38.*

Buried with him in baptism.

—*Col. ii. 12.*

With Christ we share a mystic grave,
  With Christ we buried lie ;
But 'tis not in the darksome cave
  By mournful Calvary.

The pure and bright baptismal flood
  Entombs our nature's stain ;
New creatures from the cleansing wave
  With Christ we rise again.

Thrice blest, if through this world of sin,
  And lust, and selfish care,
Our resurrection-mantle white
  And undefiled we wear.

Thrice blest, if through the gate of death,
  Glorious at last and free,
We to our joyful rising pass,
  O risen Lord, with Thee.

—Anon.

1

This is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.

—*St. John vi. 39.*

2

Now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

—*1 Cor. xiii. 12.*

3

Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness.

—*Psalm cxii. 4.*

March.

4

Many shall be purified, and made white.

—*Dan. xii. 10.*

5

Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings that publisheth peace!

—*Nahum i. 15.*

6

They shall be abundantly satisfied . . . ; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

—*Psalm xxxvi. 8.*

March.

7

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

—*St. John xiv. 27.*

8

Thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.

—*Psalm xxi. 6.*

9

The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

—*Prov. xviii. 10.*

March.

10

They shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels: and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

—*Mal. iii. 17.*

11

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.

—*St. John iii. 36.*

12

I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence, and refuge in the day of my trouble.

—*Psalm lix. 16.*

March.

13

I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains.

—*Ezek. xxxiv. 13.*

14

The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

—*Psalm xxxvii. 39.*

15

We which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

—*2 Cor. iv. 11.*

March.

16

Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; . . . for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

—*Isa. xlix. 13.*

17

He looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

—*Heb. xi. 10.*

18

We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

—*Heb. x. 10.*

March.

19

Thus saith the Lord that created thee, . . . Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

—*Isa. xliii. 1.*

20

Rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

—*1 Peter iv. 13.*

21

Whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected.

—*1 John ii. 5.*

March.

22

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee.

—*Isa. xliii. 2.*

23

If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

—*1 John i. 7.*

24

Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

—*1 Peter i. 9.*

March.

25

Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

—*St. John vi. 35.*

26

The Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; he will save us.

—*Isa. xxxiii. 22.*

27

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

—*Psalm cxvi. 15.*

March.

28

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

St. Matt. xxv. 34.

29

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.

—*Col. i. 13.*

30

Thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.

—*Psalm xxi. 3.*

March.

31

Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

—*St. Luke xx. 36.*

I know Thy will is right,
  Though it may seem severe;
Thy path is still unsullied light,
  Though dark it oft appear.

My God, Thy name is love:
  A Father's hand is thine:
With tearful eye I look above,
  And cry, "Thy will be mine."

—J. G. D.

March.

April.

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us keep the feast, not with the old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

—*1 Cor. v. 7, 8.*

I am that bread of life.

—*St. John vi. 48.*

Do this in remembrance of me.

—*1 Cor. xi. 24.*

Luke xxii. 19 (Sacramental).

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
  Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand th' eternal grace,
  And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God;
  Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heaven;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
  Here taste afresh the calm of sins forgiven.

Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear;
  The feast, but not the love, is past and gone;
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here—
  Nearer than ever—still my Shield and Sun.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by;
  Yet passing, points to the great feast above,
Giving sweet foretastes of the festal joy,
  The Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

—H. Bonar.

1

I am the good shepherd, and I know my sheep, and am known of mine.

—*St. John x. 14.*

2

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

—*Psalm cxxvi. 5.*

3

If when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

—*Rom. v. 10.*

April.

4

At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

—*St. John xiv. 20.*

5

He that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

—*Gal. vi. 8.*

6

The dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

—*1 Thess. iv. 17.*

April.

7

As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

—*1 Cor. xv. 22.*

8

The city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, . . . : for the glory of the Lord did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

—*Rev. xxi. 23.*

9

The Lord preserveth all them that love him.

—*Psalm cxlv. 20.*

April.

10

They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

—*Dan. xii. 3.*

11

I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction.

—*Hosea xiii. 14.*

12

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knoweth them that trust in him.

—*Nahum i. 7.*

April.

13

Thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.

—*Psalm xxi. 6.*

14

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.

—*1 Cor. xv. 42, 43.*

15

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

—*St. Matt. v. 4.*

April.

16

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

—*1 Cor. xv. 20.*

17

God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

—*Rev. xxi. 4.*

18

The Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

—*St. John xvi. 27.*

April.

19

The dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

—*St. Luke i. 78, 79.*

20

Merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.

—*Isa. lvii. 1.*

21

To know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge.

—*Eph. iii. 19.*

April.

22

Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

—*St. John vi. 54.*

23

There shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him.

—*Rev. xxii. 3.*

24

Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

—*Psalm xvi. 11.*

April.

25

He knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

—*Job xxiii. 10.*

26

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

—*Isa. xxvi. 3.*

27

To wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

—*1 Thess. i. 10.*

April.

28

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

—*Psalm xxiii. 4.*

29

I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. —*Rom. viii. 38, 39.*

30

It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body.

—*1 Cor. xv. 44.*

April.

May.

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

—*2 Cor. i. 3, 4.*

Come, let us join our friends above
  Who have obtain'd the prize,
And on the eagle wings of love
  To joys celestial rise !

Let all the saints terrestrial sing,
  With those to glory gone :
For all the servants of our King,
  In earth and heav'n, are one.

One family we dwell in Him,
  One church above, beneath,
Though now divided by the stream,
  The narrow stream, of death.

One army of the living God
  To His command we bow :
Part of His host have cross'd the flood,
  And part are crossing now.

Our spirits too shall quickly join,
  Like theirs with glory crown'd,
And shout to see our Captain's sign,
  To hear His trumpet sound.

—C. Wesley.

1

Surely, . . . in the Lord have I righteousness and strength.

—*Isa. xlv. 24.*

2

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith: who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

—*Heb. xii. 2.*

3

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

—*James i. 12.*

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4

Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

—*2 Cor. iv. 14.*

5

A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widow, is God in his holy habitation.

—*Psalm lxviii. 5.*

6

All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

—*Rom. iii. 23, 24.*

May.

7

The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.

—*Isa. lx. 19.*

8

The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

—*Psalm cxlvii. 11.*

9

Now men see not the bright light which is in the clouds.

—*Job xxxvii. 21.*

May.

10

In the multitude of the sorrows that I had in my heart: thy comforts have refreshed my soul.

—*Psalm xciv. 19 (Prayer Book version).*

11

If we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:

If we suffer, we shall also reign with him.

—*2 Tim. ii. 11, 12.*

12

Beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot and blameless.

—*2 Peter iii. 14.*

May.

13

Though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

—*Job xix. 26, 27.*

14

Ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

—*St. John xvi. 22.*

15

When Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

—*Col. iii. 4.*

May.

16

Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.

—*Isa. xxvi. 12.*

17

Ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord God.

—*Ezek. xxxiv. 31.*

18

Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name.

—*Mal. iii. 16.*

May.

19

Everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth.

—*St. Luke xi. 10.*

20

As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered: so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

—*Ezek. xxxiv. 12.*

21

How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

—*Psalm xxxvi. 7.*

May.

22

I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains.

—*Ezek. xxxiv. 14.*

23

The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

—*Rom. viii. 18.*

24

He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

—*Job v. 19.*

May

25

Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Lord.

—*Job v. 17.*

26

If children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

—*Rom. viii. 17.*

27

Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep and seek them out.

—*Ezek. xxxiv. 11.*

May.

28

Unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings.

—*Mal. iv. 2.*

29

He is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him.

—*St. Luke xx. 38.*

30

I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and I will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick.

—*Ezek. xxxiv. 16.*

May.

31

Which are departed from the shadow of the world, and have received glorious garments of the Lord.

2 Esdras ii. 39 (Apocrypha).

Rev. xxii. 17-20.

The Spirit in our hearts
  Is whispering, Sinner, come!
The bride, the Church of Christ, proclaims
  To all His children, Come!

Let him that heareth, say
  To all about him, Come!
Let him that thirsts for righteousness,
  To Christ, the fountain, come!

Yea, whosoever will,
  Oh, let him freely come,
And freely drink the stream of life!
  'Tis Jesus bids him come.

—Anon.

May.

June.

Whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

—*1 John ii. 5.*

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

—*St. John xiv. 15.*

Isaiah xlii. 16.

When we cannot see our way,
Let us trust and still obey ;
He who bids us forward go,
Cannot fail the way to show.

Though the sea be deep and wide,
Though a passage seem denied,
Fearless let us still proceed,
Since the Lord vouchsafes to lead.

Though it seem the gloom of night,
Though we see no ray of light,
Since the Lord himself is there,
'Tis not meet that we should fear.

Night with Him is never night,
Where He is, there all is light ;
When He calls us, why delay ?
They are happy who obey.

—Rev. J. Kelly.

1

He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied.

—*Isa. liii. 11.*

2

The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

—*Psalm xxix. 11.*

3

If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

—*St. John xiv. 3.*

Junc.

4

I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

1 Thess. iv. 13.

5

He shall enter into peace; they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness.

—*Isa. lvii. 2.*

6

I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

—*2 Sam. xii. 23.*

June.

7

He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous; he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.

—*Prov. ii. 7.*

8

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

—*St. John xiv. 21.*

9

Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

—*Psalm xxxiv. 19.*

June.

10

The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

—*Prov. iv. 18.*

11

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever.

—*Psalm cxxv. 2.*

12

All mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

—*St. John xvii. 10.*

June.

13

We all with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

—*2 Cor. iii. 18.*

14

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them: and delivereth them out of all their trouble.

—*Psalm xxxiv. 17.*

15

I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

—*Prov. viii. 17.*

June.

16

Perfect love casteth out fear.

—*1 John iv. 18.*

17

He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him, even length of days for ever and ever.

—*Psalm xxi. 4.*

18

In the way of righteousness is life: and in the pathway thereof there is no death.

—*Prov. xii. 28.*

June.

19

This people have I formed for myself: they shall show forth my praise.

—*Isa. xliii. 21.*

20

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God.

—*1 John iii. 1.*

21

So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

—*Heb. ix. 28.*

June.

22

I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins : . . . for I have redeemed thee.

—*Isa. xliv. 22.*

23

This is the promise that he hath given us, even eternal life.

—*1 John ii. 25.*

24

Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are a figure of the true ; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.

—*Heb. ix. 24.*

June.

25

Thou art my servant . . . : thou shalt not be forgotten of me.

—*Isa. xliv. 21.*

26

The world passeth away, . . . : but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

—*1 John ii. 17.*

27

God is not ashamed to be called their God : for he hath prepared for them a city.

—*Heb. xi. 16.*

June.

28

What thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God.

—*1 Thess. iii. 9.*

29

My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

—*St. John x. 29.*

30

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

—*Psalm ciii. 13.*

June.

July.

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

—*St. Matt. xxii. 37-40.*

Lord Jesus, as Thou wilt!
  Oh, may Thy will be mine;
Into Thy hand of love
  I will my all resign.
Through sorrow or through joy,
  Conduct me as Thine own,
And help me still to say,
  My Lord, Thy will be done!

Lord Jesus, as Thou wilt!
  When death itself draws nigh,
To Thy dear wounded side
  I would for refuge fly,
Leaning on Thee to go
  Where Thou before hast gone;
The rest as Thou shalt please,
  My Lord, Thy will be done!

Lord Jesus, as Thou wilt!
  All shall be well for me;
Each changing future scene
  I gladly trust with Thee.
Straight to my home above
  I travel calmly on,
And sing in life or death,
  "My Lord, Thy will be done!"

—B. Schmolk.

1

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

—*St. John xv. 13.*

2

I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord God, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

—*Jer. xxix. 11.*

3

Fear not, . . . ; I will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

—*Isa. xli. 14.*

July.

4

I will gather them that are sorrowful.

—*Zeph. iii. 18.*

5

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

—*St. John xiv. 27.*

6

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

—*St. Matt. xi. 28.*

July.

7

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God.

—*Eph. ii. 19.*

8

When the fruit is brought forth immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

—*St. Mark iv. 29.*

9

Call upon me in the day of trouble.

—*Psalm l. 15.*

July.

10

Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

—*2 Cor. iv. 17.*

11

What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

—*St. John xiii. 7.*

12

Thy will be done.

—*St. Matt. vi. 10.*

July.

13

This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

—*St. John vi. 58.*

14

With long life will I satisfy him: and show him my salvation.

—*Psalm xci. 16.*

15

The fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

—*Prov. xiv. 26.*

July.

16

If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

—*1 Thess. iv. 14.*

17

The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.

—*Psalm xxxvii. 18.*

18

As the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

—*2 Cor. i. 5.*

July.

19

Who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Wherefore comfort yourselves together.

—*1 Thess. v. 10.*

20

As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you.

—*Isa. lxvi. 13.*

21

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth : yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them.

—*Rev. xiv. 13.*

July.

22

To me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

—*Phil. i. 21.*

23

In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight.

—*Col. i. 22.*

24

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

—*Isa. xii. 3.*

July.

25

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid; for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he is become my salvation.

—*Isa. xii. 2.*

26

Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

—*Rev. xxii. 12.*

27

Those that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

—*Psalm xcii. 13.*

July.

28

Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee.

—*Isa. xliii. 4.*

29

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

—*1 Peter i. 3.*

30

To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven.

—*1 Peter i. 4.*

July.

31

He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

—*2 Cor. ix. 6.*

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1 Thess. iv. 14.

Asleep in Jesus! Oh, how sweet
To be for such a slumber meet!
With holy confidence to sing
That Death hath lost its venomed sting!

Asleep in Jesus! peaceful rest,
Whose waking is supremely blest!
No fear, no woe, shall dim that hour
That manifests the Saviour's power.

—Anon.

July.

August.

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

—*Isa. lv. 1.*

Lord, we accept with thankful heart
The hope Thy gracious words impart:
We come with trembling, yet rejoice,
And bless the kind inviting voice.

ANON.

"Lo! I am with thee!" Bid thy fears
And anxious sorrows cease;
My hand shall dry thy bitter tears,
My lips shall whisper peace.

"Lo! I am with thee!" When the tomb
Thy loved ones calls away,
My voice shall cheer the valley-gloom
With thoughts of endless day.

"Lo! I am with thee!" When the bed
Of languishing is thine,
Thou shalt repose thine aching head
Upon my love divine.

"Lo! I am with thee!" Still the same,
Through endless years above,
'Mid brighter worlds I shall proclaim
My changeless, deathless love.

—MACDUFF.

1

My kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.

—*Isa. liv. 10.*

2

My people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the Lord.

—*Jer. xxxi. 14.*

3

The Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.

—*Psalm cxlix. 4.*

August.

4

Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

—*St. John xi. 26.*

5

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

—*Rom. v. 1.*

6

Thou, which hast showed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

—*Psalm lxxi. 20.*

August.

7

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

—*Isa. xxxv. 1.*

8

The glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one.

—*St. John xvii. 22.*

9

I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

—*Psalm lxxi. 14.*

August.

10

Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth for ever.

—*Psalm cxxxvi. 23.*

11

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

—*St. John xii. 46.*

12

They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

—*Psalm lxxxiv. 7.*

August.

13

No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there.

Isa. xxxv. 9.

14

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

—St. John xiv. 18.

15

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are thy ways.

—Psalm lxxxiv. 5 (Prayer Book version).

August.

16

They shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.

—*Isa. xxxv. 2.*

17

Being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

—*Rom. vi. 22.*

18

Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.

—*Psalm lxxxv. 13.*

August.

19

The inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquities.

—*Isa. xxxiii. 24.*

20

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you.

—*St. John xv. 9.*

21

The Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

—*Psalm lxxxiv. 11.*

August.

22

That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

—*Rom. v. 21.*

23

I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

—*Job xix. 25.*

24

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arms, and carry them in his bosom.

—*Isa. xl. 11.*

August.

25

We also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

—*Rom. v. 11.*

26

There is no God like thee, . . ., who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart.

—*1 Kings viii. 23.*

27

Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

—*Rom. x. 4.*

August.

28

He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks.

—*Isa. xxxiii. 16.*

29

Redeemed . . . with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

—*1 Peter i. 19.*

30

God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

—*Rom. v. 8.*

August.

31

He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

—*2 Cor. v. 21.*

The saints, who now in Jesus sleep,
His own almighty power shall keep,
Till dawns the bright illustrious day,
When death itself shall die away.

—Anon.

The Church on earth hath union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic, sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

—S. J. Stone.

August.

September.

We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

—*Heb. iv. 15, 16.*

Phil. iv. 6.

Hast thou within a care so deep
It chases from thine eyelids sleep?
To thy Redeemer take that care,
And change anxiety to prayer.

Hast thou a hope with which thy heart
Would feel it almost death to part?
Entreat thy God that hope to crown
Or give thee strength to lay it down.

Hast thou a friend whose image dear
May prove an idol worshipped here?
Implore the Lord that naught may be
A shadow between heaven and thee.

Whate'er the care which breaks thy rest,
Whate'er the wish that swells thy breast,
Spread before God that wish, that care,
And change anxiety to prayer.

—ANON.

1

After he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

—*Heb. vi. 15.*

2

Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

—*Col. ii. 12.*

3

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

—*Col. i. 12.*

4

Of whom the world was not worthy.

—*Heb. xi. 38.*

5

Surely he shall not be moved for ever : the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

—*Psalm cxii. 6.*

6

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

—*Eph. iv. 13.*

September.

7

Who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

—*1 Thess. v. 10.*

8

Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

—*Col. iii. 24.*

9

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him.

—*Psalm cxlv. 19.*

September.

10

For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.

—*Jer. xxxi. 25.*

11

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

—*Lam. iii. 25.*

12

Blessed are those servants, whom their Lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he will gird himself, and make them sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

—*St. Luke xii. 37.*

September.

13

Though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

—*Lam. iii. 32.*

14

Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect.

—*James ii. 22.*

15

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with their whole heart.

—*Psalm cxix. 2.*

September.

16

In all their afflictions he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them.

—*Isa. lxiii. 9.*

17

They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

—*Psalm cxlv. 7.*

18

I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour.

—*Isa. xliii. 3.*

September.

19

If the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

—*Rom. viii. 11.*

20

He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us.

—*Eph. ii. 14.*

21

The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

—*Lam. iii. 24.*

September.

22

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

—*Rom. iii. 24.*

23

Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand.

—*Psalm lxxiii. 23.*

24

My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

—*Ezek. xxxvii. 27.*

September.

25

To set up on high those that be low: that those which mourn may be exalted to safety.

—*Job v. 11.*

26

Whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

—*Rom. viii. 29.*

27

He maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.

—*Job v. 18.*

28

I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands: and thy walls are continually before me.

—*Isa. xlix. 16.*

29

Ye are come unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, . . ., and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the first-born, . . ., and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant.

—*Heb. xii. 22-24.*

30

By one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

—*Heb. x. 14.*

September.

October.

If we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

—*1 John i. 8, 9.*

Cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

—*Psalm xix. 12.*

And she answered, It is well.

—*2 Kings iv. 26.*

Beloved, "It is well!"
God's ways are always right;
And perfect love is o'er them all,
Though far above our sight.

Beloved, "It is well!"
Though deep and sore the smart,
The hand that wounds knows how to bind
And heal the broken heart.

Beloved, "It is well!"
Though sorrow clouds our way,
'Twill only make the joy more dear
That ushers in the day.

Beloved, "It is well!"
The path that Jesus trod,
Though rough and straight and dark it be,
Leads home to heaven and God.

—Anon.

1

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

—*Rom. v. 1.*

2

He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

—*Psalm lxxii. 13.*

3

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: . . . ; I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

—*Isa. xli. 10.*

October.

4

Thou shalt know that I the Lord am thy Saviour and thy redeemer.

—*Isa. lx. 16.*

5

The Lord their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.

—*Zech. ix. 16.*

6

I, even I, am he that comforteth you.

—*Isa. li. 12.*

October.

7

Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and will not cast thee away.

—*Isa. xli. 9.*

8

I will make with them a covenant of peace.

—*Ezek. xxxiv. 25.*

9

The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life.

—*St. John v. 28, 29.*

October.

10

Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the Lord; and I will heal him.

—*Isa. lvii. 19.*

11

Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

—*St. Luke xxiii. 43.*

12

Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust.

—*Psalm xl. 4.*

October.

13

As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God.

—*St. John i. 12.*

14

He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows.

—*Isa. liii. 4.*

15

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

—*Deut. xxxiii. 27.*

October.

16

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

—*St. Luke xii. 32.*

17

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust.

—*Psalm xci. 4.*

18

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

—*St. John xi. 25.*

October.

19

They that put their trust in him shall understand the truth, and such as be faithful in love shall abide with him, for grace and mercy are to his saints.

—*Wisdom iii. 9* (*Apocrypha*).

20

Willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

—*2 Cor. v. 8.*

21

If we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection.

—*Rom. vi. 5.*

October.

22

The redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head.

—*Isa. li. 11.*

23

Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

—*1 Peter i. 9.*

24

Both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren.

—*Heb. ii. 11.*

October.

25

Having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them and found them worthy for himself.

—*Wisdom iii. 5 (Apocrypha).*

26

I will be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

—*2 Cor. vi. 18.*

27

I have formed thee; thou art my servant: . . . thou shalt not be forgotten of me.

Isa. xlix. 21.

October.

28

Since the beginning of the world men have not heard, . . ., neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

—*Isa. lxiv. 4.*

29

The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

—*Psalm cxlv. 9.*

30

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

—*St. Matt. v. 10.*

October.

31

Therefore shall they receive a glorious kingdom, and a beautiful crown from the Lord's hand.

—*Wisdom v. 16 (Apocrypha).*

Gal. vi. 9.

"Be not weary," weeping Christian,
Tears endure but for the night;
Joy, deep joy, thy spirit greeting,
Will return with morning's light;
Every tear thou shedd'st is numbered
In the register above;
Heaven is tearless, sweet the prospect,
Sighless, tearless land of love!

—Anon.

October.

November.

Let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God.

Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

—*Heb. vi. 1, 2.*

St. John xvi. 7.

Our blest Redeemer, ere He breathed
  His tender last farewell,
A Guide, a Comforter, bequeathed
  With us to dwell.

He came sweet influence to impart,
  A gracious, willing Guest,
While He can find one humble heart
  Wherein to rest.

And His that gentle voice we hear,
  Soft as the breath of even ;
That checks each thought, that calms each fear
  And speaks of heaven.

And every virtue we possess,
  And every conquest won,
And every thought of holiness
  Are His alone.

Spirit of purity and grace,
  Our weakness, pitying see :
O make our hearts Thy dwelling place,
  And worthier Thee.

O praise the Father : praise the Son :
  Blest Spirit, praise to Thee :
All praise to God, the Three in One,
  The One in Three.

—Anon.

1

As gold in the furnace hath he tried them, and received them as a burnt offering.

—*Wisdom iii. 6 (Apocrypha).*

2

Rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

—*1 Peter iv. 13.*

3

He shall abide before God for ever:
So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever.

—*Psalm lxi. 7, 8.*

November.

4

They shall obtain gladness and joy: and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

—*Isa. li. 11.*

5

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him: and his righteousness unto children's children.

—*Psalm ciii. 17.*

6

O give thanks unto the Lord for he is good:
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.

—*Psalm cvii. 1, 2.*

7

He endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

—*Heb. xi. 27.*

8

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

—*Psalm lxxxix. 15.*

9

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

—*Isa. xl, 29.*

November.

10

Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off.

—*Isa. xxxiii. 17.*

11

Where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

—*St. John xii. 26.*

12

He shall redeem their souls from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

—*Psalm lxxii. 14.*

November.

13

We also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

—*Rom. v. 11.*

14

The Lord God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy: he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

—*Zeph. iii. 17.*

15

At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

—*St. John xiv. 20.*

November.

16

With everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer.

—*Isa. liv. 8.*

17

I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

—*Psalm cxix. 75.*

18

I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.

—*Jer. xxxi. 13.*

November.

19

For a small moment have I forsaken thee: but with great mercies will I gather thee.

—*Isa. liv. 7.*

20

That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

—*Titus iii. 7.*

21

Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

—*Psalm cxix. 67.*

November.

22

Thy sun shall no more go down, neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

—*Isa. lx. 20.*

23

His compassions fail not. They are new every morning.

—*Lam. iii. 22, 23.*

24

They cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.

—*Psalm cvii. 13.*

November.

25

Ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace.

—*Isa. lv. 12.*

26

I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

—*St. John vi. 51.*

27

He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

—*Psalm cvii. 9.*

November.

28

Hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

—*Psalm cxxx. 7.*

29

I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee.

—*2 Cor. vi. 2.*

30

The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

—*1 Thess. iv. 16.*

November.

December.

Now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

—*1 Cor. xiii. 13.*

Love one another, as I have loved you.

—*St. John xv. 12.*

Drink, drink deeply of His Spirit—
  Jesus loves both great and small;
Nature loves but what is lovely,
  Grace embraces one and all.

—Anon.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for.

—*Heb. xi. 1.*

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell, The third day He rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church, The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

AMEN.

1

Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me.

—*St. John xvii. 24.*

2

I know that his commandment is life everlasting.

—*St. John xii. 50.*

3

Ye are all the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ.

—*Gal. iii. 26.*

December.

4

It is good for a man that he should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.

—*Lam. iii. 26.*

5

I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, . . . , and I the Lord will be their God.

—*Ezek. xxxiv. 23, 24.*

6

Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

—*St. John vi. 54.*

December.

7

Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye.

—*Isa. lii. 8.*

8

Thou drewest near in the day that I called upon thee: thou saidst, Fear not.

—*Lam. iii. 57.*

9

He shall not be afraid . . . . for his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.

—*Psalm cxii. 7.*

December.

10

Ye are the blessed of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

—*Psalm cxv. 15.*

11

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

—*Rev. vii. 15.*

12

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God.

—*Rom. iv. 20.*

December.

13

I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand and will keep thee.

—*Isa. xlii. 6.*

14

Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: . . . and I will write upon him my new name.

—*Rev. iii. 12.*

15

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

—*1 John iii. 2.*

December.

16

Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

—*2 Cor. viii. 9.*

17

Their sins and iniquities I will remember no more.

—*Heb. x. 17.*

18

Though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

—*Lam. iii. 32.*

December.

19

Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

—*St. Matt. xiii. 46.*

20

In the sight of the unwise they seem to die: . . . yet is their hope full of immortality.

—*Wisdom iii. 2, 4 (Apocrypha).*

21

He fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

—*Psalm lxxviii. 72.*

22

The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: and they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

—*Isa. xxxv. 10.*

23

Ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.

—*St. John xvi. 20.*

24

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

—*Psalm lxxxv. 10.*

December.

25

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: . . . and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

—*Isa. ix. 6.*

26

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

—*St. Luke ii. 14.*

27

We love him because he first loved us.

—*1 John iv. 19.*

December.

28

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

—*St. Matt. v. 8.*

29

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

—*Psalm xxxvii. 37.*

30

Every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; and afterwards they that are Christ's at his coming.

—*1 Cor. xv. 23.*

December.

31

Thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

—*St. Luke xiv. 14.*

Going home! There is nothing dearer
  To the pilgrim's heart than home.
Drawing nearer still, and nearer
  To the place where pilgrims come,
Much he thinks of what will be,
Much of what he hopes to see;
Thinks of kindred, friends and brothers,
But of Christ above all others.

—Rev. J. Kelly.

December.

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Thy Son Christ our Lord; we humbly beseech Thee of Thy goodness to comfort and succour all them who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless Thy holy name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear; beseeching Thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for all them that unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.